

(San Antonio, TX) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) will be joined by local pediatric gastroenterologist Dr. Ben Elizondo and Texas Public Interest Research Group (TexPIRG) Spokeswoman Gina Meagher to discuss recent toy recalls, Congressional legislation for consumer protection, and to unveil "Trouble in Toyland," an annual consumer safety report on toys. Additionally, participants will demonstrate and alert parents to the hazards posed by toys currently on the market.

**WHO:** Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23)

Gina Meagher, TexPIRG Spokeswoman

Dr. Ben Elizondo, Pediatric Digestive Care

Children and families affected by toy recalls and safety issues

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 10:30 AM

**WHERE:** Ray Ellison Child Care Center at Palo Alto College

1400 West Villaret, San Antonio

**WHAT:** ■■■■■■■■■■ Congressman Rodriguez, Dr. Elizondo, and TexPIRG Spokesperson Gina Meagher will unveil the annual consumer safety report on toys titled "Trouble in Toyland," discuss recent toy recalls and Congressional legislation to protect consumers.

In a year that has seen millions of hazardous toys recalled, TexPIRG will release its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual toy safety report, which has led to corrective action on more than 120 toys over the last two decades.

Participants will demonstrate several types of toys and alert parents to the hazards they pose, such as toys with small parts, strangulation hazards, excessively loud toys and toys containing toxic chemicals.

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